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SUBJECT: LIBYAN-MALTESE RELATIONS

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1. WE TOO HAVE NOTED INCREASE RECENTLY IN EXCHANGE OF OFFICIAL VISITORS BETWEEN MALTA AND LIBYA. IN ADDITION TO TWO DAY VISIT BY LIBYAN SECRETARY OF MARINE TRANSPORT MANSOUR BADR TO MALTA AND MALTESE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISIT TO TRIPOLI, THE SECRETARY FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. ALI ABDUSSALEM TREIKI, ARRIVED JANUARY 30 FOR ONE DAY. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MEDIA REPORTS, TREIKI MET WITH PM MINTOFF AS WELL AS JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE. LOCAL PRESS WAS SILENT ON MINTOFF/TREIKI SESSION BUT REPORTED THAT TRIKI ASSURED NKOMO AND MUGABE OF LIBYA'S "FULL SUPPORT" IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO FREE THEIR COUNTRY.

2. ALTHOUGH MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN
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AFFAIRS COUNSELLOR ALFRED BELLIZZI INISTED THAT TREIKI'S TRIP WAS TO DISCUSS BILATERAL MATTERS, SHORT NOTICE GIVEN BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL (24 HOURS) MAKES IT MORE LIKELY THAT HE CAME PRIMARILY TO MEET WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE. THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO MET WITH MUGABE AT MUGABE'S REQUEST JANUARY 31, MENTIONED TO DCM THAT MUGABE MAY GO TO TRIPOLI AT THE CONCLUSION

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3. DURING JANUARY 30 CONVERSATION WITH DAO, A MEMBER OF MALTESE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LIBYAN VISIT SAID THAT MAJOR ABDAL SALAAM JALLUD TOLD THE MALTESE DELEGATION THAT LIBYA WOULD PROVIDE WHATEVER MONEY MALTA NEEDED AFTER MARCH 1979 WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED. LAINGEN

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